

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-20 and 34-39 were rejected. With this response, claims 1 and 13 are amended and all pending claims are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based upon Eckhardt. Additionally, claims 1, 4, 5, 10 and 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based upon Wiklund et al.

With this Response, the claims have been amended to further clarify the distinctions of the present invention over the cited references.

The claims have been amended to state that the vessel which contains the process fluid is contiguous. This contiguous vessel is electrically conductive. The electrical insulator extends over the contiguous electrically conductive vessel.

This configuration is not shown or suggested by the two primary references cited in the Office Action. It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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